

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
formulating an Extensible Markup Language (XML) discovery information query
at a console , the console includes a managing device to manage network
devices, wherein the XML discovery information query is initiated in one
or more of the following ways automatically, and by a client;
sending the XML discovery information query to a plurality of Internet content
search engines to facilitate searching of discovery information relevant to
the network devices, wherein at least one of the network devices includes
an XML discovery information file, wherein at least one of the network
devices does not include an XML discovery information file;
in response to sending the XML discovery information query, receiving the
following through the plurality of Internet content search engines:
discovery information from the network devices that include an XML
discovery information file, and
discovery information from a proxy device for the network devices that do
not include XML discovery information files; and
using the retrieved discovery information to generate a network topology map for
the network devices.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising manipulating
the retrieved discovery information.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising displaying the manipulated discovery information.
5. (Currently Amended) A tangible machine-readable storage medium having stored thereon data representing sets of instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:

formulate an Extensible Markup Language (XML) discovery information query at a console, the console includes a managing device to manage network devices, wherein the XML discovery information query is initiated in one or more of the following ways automatically , and by a client;

send the XML discovery information query to a plurality of Internet content search engines to facilitate searching of discovery information relevant to the network devices, wherein at least one of the network devices includes an XML discovery information file, wherein at least one of the network devices does not include an XML discovery information file;

in response to the sending of the XML discovery information query, receive the following through the plurality of Internet content search engines:

discovery information from the network devices that include an XML discovery information file, and

discovery information from a proxy device for the network devices that do not include XML discovery information files; and

use the retrieved discovery information to generate a network topology map for the network devices.

6-7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The tangible machine-readable storage medium of claim 5, wherein the sets of instructions which, when executed by the machine, further causes the machine to manipulate the retrieved discovery information.
9. (Currently Amended) The tangible machine-readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein the sets of instructions which, when executed by the machine, further cause the machine to display the manipulated discovery information.

Claims 10-25 (Canceled)